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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Terrence Edwards Rogers

Serial No. 09/912,411

Filed: April 19, 2001.

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MINIMIZING POWER DISSIPATION  
IN SERIES CONNECTED VOLTAGE REGULATORS

November 2, 2001

Office of Petitions  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**PETITION AND FEE FOR FILING DATE OF PATENT  
APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR SEC. 1.53**

Sir:

This is a Petition for grant of a filing date of April 19, 2001 for the above-referenced patent application in response to the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application mailed September 4, 2001, a copy of which is attached hereto. Applicant respectfully submits that the application as filed on April 19, 2001 did include at least one claim as required under 35 U.S.C. §112. The complete application was filed under the Express Mail Procedure on April 19, 2001 and was assigned an Express Mail Label No. EL034577565US. A copy of this Express Mail Label is attached hereto and clearly establishes that the application was mailed on April 19, 2001, as indicated by the stamp thereon by the United States Postal Service. A copy of the shipment history for Express Mail Label No. EL034577565US is attached and clearly indicates that the application arrived at the United States Patent Office at 11:06 a.m. on April 20, 2001, to R. Foster.

A copy of the complete application as filed on April 19, 2001 is attached hereto including a Petition fee of \$130 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(h). It is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the filing date of April 19, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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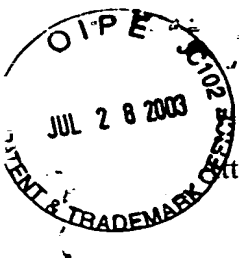
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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Sir:

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application mailed on September 4, 2001 which set a two-month period for reply.

However, Applicant filed a timely response by way of a Petition and Fee for Filing Date of Patent Application Under 37 CFR Sec. 153 which was filed using the express mail procedure on November 2, 2001. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Petition, express mail form, stamped postcard indicating the USPTO received the Petition on November 2, 2001 along with the originally filed application and supporting documentation. An Associate Power of Attorney was also filed on November 2, 2001. A copy of the Associate Power of Attorney and stamped postcard are enclosed.

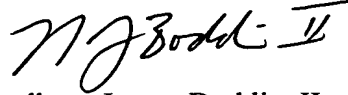
The Applicant hereby states that Applicant has not received any further communication from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on this application until receipt on July 20, 2003 of a Response to Request by A Person Other Than the Attorney or Agent of Record which was mailed in response to Applicant's filing of a Status Inquiry on September 23, 2002.

Applicant states that it never received a Notice of Abandonment in this application. Applicant respectfully requests that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

Applicant believes that no petition fee is due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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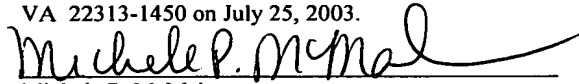


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